

JAMES POUND...

NEXT TO POST OFFICE

10,000 in Dry Goods and Cloaks

Great Reduction and Realization Sale of all Goods in Our Store...

Departments

Cottons and Prints,
Linen,
and Gloves,
s and Laces,
ite Goods,
and Flannels,
linings..

1-4 OFF 1-4

..FOR CASH..

No Tickets Given During This Sale.

..CORSETS..

Departments

Dress Goods,
Jackets and Capes,
Shawls and Fascinators,
Silks,
Lace Curtains, Derbys and
Window Shades,
Notions and Small Wares,
Muslin and Knit Underwear.

Will Continue this Sale Until Jan. 10, 1897

At a matter of moment to careful housekeepers and family users of Dry Goods to know when to get goods the cheap they will therefore attend the great sale. No reserve. Nothing that should be kept in an up-to-date dry goods store for stock, and it goes until above date. 50 pairs of Wool suits, the cream of the mills, must be moved at once. All Capes and Jackets must go during this sale and we can please you. 30 Beaver Shawls, the finest on the market. Corsets--All the leading makes. Dress Goods--Anything at 1-4 off...

...JAMES POUND



At--
Afternoon, Jan.
n. 13, all day.
Monday, Jan. 14
entire day.

ARE THEY STOPPED UP



It looks that way, don't it. That is the result of neglect. A small amount of expense will save a large amount of trouble. If you are careless of your plumbing call us and we will stop all trouble at a small expense. Prompt service, good work and reasonable prices. Also for steam and furnace work go to the reliable and prompt firm of

B. L. HALL,
120 Pipestone St.



Nothing can please you wife half as well as a nice picture neatly framed.

The Economy Co.
will move into the
MILLS' BLOCK
January 1, and in the meantime is selling its stock cheap.

& Co.
gon, Mich.

Groceries .. Groceries

We have added to our stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries a complete line of Appetizers, consisting of HENIZE'S SWEET PICKLES, in Bulk and Bottle. Mixed Pickles, Chow Chow, Salad Dressing, Bulk Olives, Baked Beans, Maple Syrup & Buckwheat and are Selling a Box of Fine Toilet Soap of 3 bars for 5 Cents.

FREE DELIVERY...

..HALL & ABBOTT

115 West Main St.
Benton Harbor, Mich...

Union Ice & Coal Company

Can and will furnish you hard **COAL** At prices as low as the lowest.

Leave Orders at A. H. Conkey & Son's Grocery Store
TELEPHONE 79-3 rings.

UNDERWEAR SALE

Having bought the last end of a lot of 23 doz. Underwear I will place them on sale

Thursday Morning, January 7...

At One-Half Price

These goods are a one-half wool garment, formerly a good 50c article. I will sell them for

27 Cts. Each..

If you need Underwear come quick as they will not last long.

J. O. VAN HORN..

118 Pipestone Street, Bowman Block..

SILVER CONFERENCE.

Practically No Opposition in the Senate to the International Meeting.

TEXT OF THE PROPOSED BILL.

It Provides \$100,000 for Expenses Senator Mills Offers With Secretary Olney.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Chandler has practically made a canvass of the senate on the proposition for an international conference on silver, and concludes that there will be no opposition worth the name. Still the bill will not be introduced in the senate until it is accepted by the Republican caucus, as the committee was instructed to report to



SENATOR W. E. CHANDLER.

the caucus. The language of the bill is substantially as follows: "That whenever the president of the United States shall, after March 1, 1897, determine that the United States should be represented at any international conference called either by the United States or the government of some other country with a view to securing internationally a fixity of relative value between gold and silver, as money, by means of a common ratio between these metals, with free minting at such ratio, the United States shall be represented at such conference by five or more delegates to be selected by the president. For the compensation of said delegates, together with all reasonable expenses connected therewith, to be approved by the secretary of state, including the proportion to be paid by the United States of the joint expenses of such conference, the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated."

It is understood that the Republican caucus to formally decide upon the bill will be held next week.

Pacific Railways Funding Bill Up.

The Pacific railway funding bill, which is considered the most important piece of legislation which will come before congress at this session, came up yesterday in the house under a special order which allows two days for general debate and one day for amendments and debate under the five minute rule with provision for a final vote on Monday next. There was a great deal of interest in the measure, and the members gave all the speakers very close attention. A huge mass of the roads with their feeders was hung on a frame erected in the area in front of the speaker's rostrum, and served to illustrate many of the points made. There were only four speakers. Powers, chairman of the Pacific railway committee, who opened with an exhaustive two hours argument in support of the bill; Hubbard, the industry member of the committee, who has charge of the opposition; and Grow and Bell, who spoke respectively for and against the measure.

MORGAN'S PACIFIC RAILWAYS BILL.

Government to Take Possession of the Lines—Mills' Cuban Resolution.

Morgan yesterday introduced a new bill in the senate providing a method of settlement of the Pacific railway debt. It directs the appointment of a board of trustees for the Union Pacific and Central Pacific and for the funding of the debt of the roads. It authorizes the secretary of the treasury to issue bonds of the United States in such amount as may be necessary for the redemption of the first mortgage bonds of the road and in exchange for them, dollar for dollar, the bonds are to be otherwise sold. The bonds are to run for thirty years, though it is to be optional with the government whether they shall be redeemed at any earlier or later date. The bonds are to bear 4 per cent. interest. They are to be payable to bearer and the title to pass by delivery.

The secretary of the treasury is to take immediate possession of the lines of road, together with telegraph lines, rolling stock and other property, the roads to be conducted as the property of the United States by a board of trustees composed of three men to be nominated by the president and confirmed by the senate. The office of Pacific railway director is to be abolished. The bill provides for a sinking fund of one per cent. per annum of the bonds issued on account of the roads, to be invested in government securities, the fund to be used at the discretion of the secretary of the treasury for the payment of the Pacific bonds.

It is provided that the Union and Central Pacific and their branches shall be operated jointly as one through line. The amount of stock is to be reduced to correspond with the value of the property. It is expressly provided that the United States shall not be responsible for other than the bonded debt of the roads. No stockholder is to receive any dividend until the non-bonded debts are paid, and until the interest on the bonds is paid. There is a declaration that the property is to be held in trust to be administered for the benefit of creditors, and to be restored to the stockholders when all the debts are paid.

The senate had a long and busy session, passing a number of bills on the calendar, including several amendments to the law of navigation. Progress was made on the bill for free

homesteads on Indian lands, but a final vote was not reached. Platt opposed the bill in a lengthy speech pointing out that it would cost the government a loss of many millions. It was discussed during the day that Representative Elbert Edward R. Robbins was the author of the letters from Havana read in the senate Wednesday. The other Cuban development of the day was a joint resolution offered by Mills declaring that the power of reorganizing a new republic resides in congress, reorganizing the independence of Cuba and appropriating \$100,000 for a United States minister to the republic of Cuba. The senate adjourned over until Monday.

WOOL MANUFACTURERS HEARD.

They Say the Wilson Law Has Closed the Mills—What They Would Like.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The wool manufacturers furnished an interesting day yesterday in the tariff hearings. They did not ask for free wool, but represented that the Wilson law had closed half of their mills and had proved disastrous to the country's business generally. They wanted compensatory duties on woolen goods and a more moderate tariff than the wool growers had asked. Their chief spokesman was the secretary of the Wool Manufacturers' association, S. D. N. North, of Boston. William Whittman, of the Arlington mills, of Massachusetts, urged the committee to consider the question of permanence above everything else in framing the tariff, and B. C. Moses, of Maine, suggested discriminating duties against consigned goods. Stannard Muhlenberg, of Cleveland, the proprietor of the largest shoddy factory in the country, asserted that the wool manufacturers all bought his goods, and promised to give the committee a list of his customers.

SETTLING ALLISON'S STATE.

He Says Himself That He Will Not Be in McKinley's Cabinet.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Senator Allison arrived in Washington yesterday from Canton, where he had a two-hour conference with President-elect McKinley. In answer to inquiries by the Associated Press he said in substance that his conference with McKinley was of a confidential character, and that he was not at liberty to discuss it. As for himself, however, he would say that he would not be in McKinley's cabinet. As to others whose names had been mentioned in connection with the cabinet he knew little. Whether Senator Sherman or Cornelius N. Bliss had been or would be offered portfolios he did not know. Neither, he added, had he much definite information in regard to Hughes.

As to the pending Cuban resolutions Allison said that for his own part he thought it would be unwise for the United States to take any precipitate action in the matter.

New Objection to the Rains Law.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The agricultural department has issued a bulletin on the history, development and present condition of the cheese industry of New York state. Under "The future of the American cheese trade," some causes of the Canadian and Australian competition, the immense quantities of "fill cheese" manufactured and sold as "fill cheese" in the United States, and the effect of the Rains law, which forbids the sale of inferior cheese, are discussed. It is estimated that the market for at least 15,000,000 pounds of cheese.

Now Standard for Bread.

Washington, Jan. 8.—An agricultural department report on the composition and cost of bakers' bread in New Jersey cities, based on recent investigations, indicates the necessity of the adoption of a bread standard less variable than the loaf, so that a definite number of ounces may be found in each loaf.

Another Three Friends Lied Sailed.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The report that the government intends to prosecute the alleged filibuster, the Three Friends, and her officers on a charge of piracy is without foundation.

BRYAN AT A JACKSON BANQUET.

Substance of a Speech He Made for the Chicago W. S. Bryan League.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—The banquet hall of the Tremont House the silver branch of the Democratic held last night for banquet in celebration of "Jackson Day." The banquet was under the auspices of the W. S. Bryan League, and was held one day in advance of "Jackson Day" proper, as the distinguished guest of the league, William J. Bryan, could not be present tonight, he having an engagement in Omaha. The banquet hall was tastefully and lavishly decorated with greens, cut flowers and national colors, and presented an extremely handsome appearance. The banquet lasted until midnight and speeches were then made by Bryan, Governor Altgeld, ex-postmaster Blodgett, of Springfield, Ill., and J. W. Farnsworth, of Alabama.

In announcing his speech Bryan objected to associating his name with any club or league for the reason that he did not want any individual's name put forward, because the principle should stand first. Another reason was that he did not want to stand before the country for four years as a presidential candidate. When the time came the people would nominate a man to represent the principle. He argued to prove that the Chicago convention was a true and legal Democratic national convention and in other words that it was "regular" and those who refused to be bound by its conclusions were traitors. He devoted the latter part of his speech to declaring that the silver question was not settled, that the fight was still on hand, and urged that organization should go right on so as to be ready for 1900.

Governor Altgeld declared that the three Democratic conventions presiding that of 1896 had been dominated largely by corporate interests, and that the nominations had practically been dictated by the corporations. The convention last year, he declared, the first time the people had broken away from these influences and made a start for themselves. He predicted a brilliant future for the silver party, and in closing paid an eloquent tribute to Bryan.

Assemblyman East Arrives.

Ashtabula, Wis., Jan. 8.—Wm. G. Stappes, assemblyman-elect for Sawyer, Bayfield and Washburn counties, was arrested yesterday at his home in Iron River on charge of embezzling funds while chairman of the town.

For Colds And Coughs

Early in the Winter, I took a severe cold, which developed into an obstinate, hacking cough, which troubled me for nine weeks, in spite of medical aid.

AYER'S Cherry Pectoral

being recommended me, I began to take it, and inside of 24 hours I was relieved. That one bottle cured me, and I cannot speak too highly of its excellence. —Mrs. E. E. Bosch, Eaton, Ohio.

Highest Awards at World's Fair.

CLASSIFIED COLUMN.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

ATTORNEYS.

VALENTINE & ELLSWORTH, ATTORNEYS and Counselors at Law, Bowman Block.

FRANK P. GRAVES—LAWYER, CORPUS, 1st National Bank, Room 4, 2nd & 3rd, City block.

SYLVESTER W. BARICK, ATTORNEY, at Law, over First National Bank, Benton Harbor, Mich.

GEORGE MILLER, ATTORNEY AND SOLICITOR in Chancery, room 8, Bowman Bldg.

PHYSICIANS.

F. A. VOTER, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Office, Jones & Sonner block, Hours, 1 to 4:30 and 7 to 8 p. m. Residence, 314 Pipestone street. Telephone, 111, 1 ring.

C. M. SOWERS, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Office in Bell block, Residence, Hotel Michigan. Office hours, 9 to 11 a. m., 1 to 6 and 7 to 8 p. m.

DR. ELLEN MARIE OVATT, HOMEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, Office and residence, 25 Pipestone street. Office hours, 8 to 9 a. m., and 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p. m.

DR. M. J. BELL, M. D., DISSEMINATOR OF CHIL- dren a specialty. Office over Bell's drug store. Hours 1 to 8 p. m. each day except Wednesdays. Residence corner of Pipestone street and British avenue.

DR. J. E. KERRY, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, 100 Water street, a.

H. O. BARTLETT, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Diseases of women and children a specialty, Baroda, Mich.

E. S. ANTISDALE, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Specialties. Hours, 9 to 12, 2 to 5, Sundays 12 to 4, Jones & Sonner block, Benton Harbor, Mich.

REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE, ETC.

ROUNDS & WARNER, REAL ESTATE, Loans and Insurance. Specialties in Michigan Fruit Farms and Benton Harbor City Property. 114 Water street, Benton Harbor.

CHURCH & JENNINGS, REAL ESTATE, Insurance, Collections, etc., Notary Public, Room 4, Jones & Sonner block, Benton Harbor, Mich.

SURVEYOR.

E. C. HURD, SURVEYOR AND CIVIL ENGINEER, Landscaping designing a specialty. Office in Graham Block. Residence, 291 2nd St. Main Street.

NURSE.

MRS. LEMON, PROFESSIONAL NURSE, 189 Broadway.

MRS. G. YOSHINO, 18 CEDAR STREET, an experienced nurse can furnish good reference, invites the public for their patronage. 35c.

HINDERBARTEN.

MISSISS COBBIN, 11 PAYSON STREET, teachers of the best Kindergarten methods. Graduates of Training Department, Alma College.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

K. NIGHTS OF THE MACABRES, BENTON Harbor lodge second and fourth Fridays in each month. G. H. KEMER, Com. R. P. CHADBOCK, R. K.

PIESKEE LODGE, NO. 35, UNITED ORDER of the Golden Cross. Meetings the first and third Tuesday evening of every month in Woodman hall, visiting members welcome. R. L. HALL, Sec. Mrs. H. W. KEST, N. C. R.

BENTON LODGE, NO. 13, I. O. O. F. MEETS Every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in their hall room opposite the post office. All visiting brothers are cordially invited. G. O. JOHNSON, N. G. GEORGE W. FALES, Secretary.

WANT COLUMN.

WANTED—A LOT IN WHICH TO BUILD a dwelling house. Within two blocks of Benton Harbor. Address, Clinton Cribbs, 35c.

WANTED—GIRL ONE THAT CAN COOK. Apply to Mrs. C. H. Porter, Cherry street. 35c.

WANTED A GOOD LIVE AGENT, WORK among business men. Exclusive territory, and good pay to right party. Address, H. E. Holding, Benton Harbor, Mich. 35c.

LOST—BETWEEN RESIDENT OF MRS. P. M. KIMNEY on Pipestone street and St. Johns church on Columbus avenue, pair of gold boxed spectacles. Finder please return to 25 Pipestone street. 35c.

FOUND—A JERSEY COW BETWEEN St. Joseph and Benton Harbor. Enquire at this office. 35c.

TO EXCHANGE.

REAL ESTATE TO EXCHANGE FOR A stock of goods. Address, Clinton Cribbs, Benton Harbor, Mich. 35c.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

FOR SALE—30 NEW MILK COWS FROM \$25 to \$45 per head. Address, Walter & Grubbs, Waterford, Mich. 35c.

FOR SALE—2000 Early Harvest Blackberry plants. Call on or address Allen Henson, 62 Pipestone street. 35c.

FOR RENT—FOUR NICE ROOMS TO A family without children. Charles Carlson, Morton Bldg. 35c.

FOR SALE—NINE ROOM HOUSE IN BEST order. Easy terms. 119 Maple street, Dr. J. J. Piper. 35c.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS BY THE day, week or month. White House Hotel, 107 Pipestone street. 35c.

FOR RENT—FINE LIGHT OFFICE ROOM, central location, steam heat. Or desk room to night party. Equipped with Antislack & Chapin, Combs block. 35c.

FOR SALE—OR RENT—LARGE 17 ROOM modern house, corner Second and Miller streets, for sale on easy terms, or will rent to the right parties. S. M. Austin. 291c.

MONEY TO LOAN.

MONEY TO LOAN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY. W. G. Newland, Jones & Sonner block. 35c.

Wanted—An Idea

Who can think of more simple than to make perfect any class that may bring you wealth? Write W. H. WILSON, 250 E. 1st St., Detroit, Mich. or their place pure offer, and be of two hundred invitations wanted.

FINANCIAL.

Farmers and Merchants ..BANK..

BENTON HARBOR, MICH.
Capital \$50,000. Surplus, \$46,000.
JOHN ROBINSON, President. CHAS. FOSTER, Cashier.
R. M. JONES, Vice Pres. C. H. WISSELOW, Asst. Cash.
DIRECTORS—John Robinson, H. H. Sherwood, William Stewart, E. A. Plummer, Edwin Brand, O. B. Hipp, R. M. Jones, W. P. Robbins and Charles Foster.

Do a General Banking Business.
..Savings Department..
Interest paid on Deposits.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Capital - \$50,000.
Surplus 40,000.

Deposits received in any amount. Loans on approved collateral. Choice investments made for depositors. Letters of credit and passage tickets furnished.

Interest Allowed on Time Deposits.

DIRECTORS—
J. STANLEY MORRIS, C. M. EDICE,
S. A. HALLIDAY, MILTON HICKLEY,
JAMES HALEY.

...COME TO THE Big Market..

WE LEAD THEM ALL

Fresh Cuts of all Kinds of Meat
OYSTERS, FISH, ETC.

J. J. MILLER

The Meat Man

OPPOSITE HIGBEE HOUSE..

Commence the New Year Right...

By trading with

DAVE RYAN

He carries a complete line of staple and fancy

Groceries..

which he sells for

..Spot Cash Prices

Goods delivered to all parts of the City..

Call and see him.

Elm Street
Back of Hall & Nichols..

Your New Year's Dinner

Will not be complete unless you have some of the celebrated

Wines

...and Liquors

Sold only at

The Oak Liquor Store

Our goods are IMPORTED and DOMESTIC and guaranteed to be pure.

Pure California Wine, 30c a qt.

Boots, Shoes and Rubbers REPAIRED

In a first class manner, by

MILO MOORE

With Peck & Wells

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

SOCIETY'S CORNER.

Oh for a lodge in some vast wilderness where
I can be alone with a box of Bird's line candles
Bird always sells the best.

Finest smoke on earth for 5 cents at
Hall & Nichols.

ers at the office, West Michigan Nurseries, 155 Pipestone street of O. Lowe, Eau Claire. — 316

Have you got good teeth? Stick them into Bird's fine taffy. Bird always sells the best.

Q. What is sweeter than life? Ans. A box of Bird's candy. Bird always keeps the best.

Dry Goods and Cloaks

ONE-FOURTH OFF

...THE LATEST

Portland
..Sleighs

JUST RECEIVED

ALSO A FULL LINE OF

Robes, Blankets, Etc.
..HARNESS..
ALL KINDS.. ..OUR OWN MAKE
HARNESS REPAIRING
PROMPTLY DONE.
-W. C. HOVEY-
135-137 PIPESTONE ST.
BENTON HARBOR, MICH.

Ask your Grocer for it.

..Now for the Big Winter Clearance Sale..

**We close at 6 except
Saturday and Monday...**

We propose to make this sale the greatest event of our history. Every dollar's worth of surplus stock has been marked at prices to close it in a month; cost, former value and loss will not be considered; we are bound to sell the goods. We mean just what we say and want you to regard every word as a cold fact. We consider it a wise loss and take it cheerfully. The sale will last just one month and it is a buying opportunity that none should miss.

We don't intend to have any old clothing on our hands, no matter what we lose by getting rid of them, so if you are wise you will take advantage of the lowest prices ever made on high class clothing.

Lot Nos. 6 and 7--All of the finest suits we have
and tailor made garments at that, beautiful
goods from the best makers. We have made a
price of \$12.50 on lot 6, and \$14.50 on lot 7.

Ladies' wrappers in fancy Persian designs
sold at 98c, now **69c** each.
Also fine flannelettes and Percales worth
from \$1.25 to 1.98 at **98c** each.
Don't wait too long and then be sorry they
are all sold.

Ladies' wool waists in plaids, fancy mixtures in silk and wools, sold all season from \$2.25 to 3.50, we will clean them up, your choice at **\$1.75**

There will be a merry time here; 50 cents will buy a dollar's worth in many cases but we'd rather have the money than the goods. Cost not considered here.

Not more than a dozen pairs, so it won't do to say much, but we are anxious to see how many housewives are curious enough to answer an advertisement as short as this.

You can use them now and we don't want to summer them. Absurd is the word when you compare the prices with the intrinsic worth of the goods.

The best we have in all wool and finest grades of goods sold as high as \$1.75, to close at 99¢

It's only for a month; the pace is too hot for a longer period, so buy all you want.
 Fruit of Loom Muslin, 15 yards for \$1. Lonsdale Muslin, 15 yards for \$1

..SHEPARD & BENNING..

ST. JOSEPH,
MICH...

15 Yards Lonsdale Muslin for \$1.

Highest of all in Leavening Strength.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The gravel roof is being put on the new Newland block today.

The Woodmen of the World will install their new officers tonight at G. A. R. hall.

The steamer Jay Gould came in this morning from Chicago and is discharging her cargo at the Big Four warehouse.

You might have seen the big advertisement of The Lion dry goods house but did you look particularly at the figures.

The steamer City of Duluth arrived this morning from Milwaukee with a cargo of freight for transfer over the Vandalla.

The choir of the Congregational church will meet for practice tonight at 7:15 o'clock in the basement of the church.

JAMES Pound who is holding his big clearance sale this week is meeting with good success. The sale will continue this week only.

L. MOORE who resides on Superior street was suddenly ill while standing in Hall & Nichols drug store and fell to the floor. Dr. George Bell and Dr. Sowers were called and soon revived the unfortunate man.

THE EVENING NEWS tomorrow will contain a signed article showing the cost to the people of the St. Joseph and Benton Harbor street railway, and the profit the people might enjoy were the system under municipal ownership. The article is worthy of careful perusal.

Some newspaper correspondent a few days ago telegraphed a Chicago paper that a blizzard was raging in Benton Harbor. A well-to-do Illinois family was about to move here to get away from the blizzards of Illinois but this dispatch changed their mind. A letter from the family to friends here received today says that they have decided not to move to Benton Harbor to get away from the blizzards. The correspondent made 50 cents by seeing the blizzard. No one else experienced it here. There hasn't been a really cold and disagreeable day here all winter.

Real Estate Transfers.
Daniel Cook to the township of Hagar, property in Hagar township, \$45.

Edward K. Warren to Mary C. Warren, lot 120 Warren's addition, Three Oaks, \$1.

Ida E. Hull to Emanuel D. Bishop, 19 acres in Berrien township, \$400.
Emma D. Bishop to Ida E. Hull lot 5, Berrien Centre, \$400.

Oil for a lodge in some vast wilderness where I can be alone with a bird's fine candles. Bird always sells the best.

SOCIETY'S CORNER.

What Benton Harbor People and Their Societies Are Doing.

The marriage of Jesse R. Johnson and Mrs. Mary Francis Elch was solemnized at the home of the groom, 170 Colfax avenue, last night at 8 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Prosscott. A few invited friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony after which all sat down to a sumptuous wedding supper. Mr. Johnson is an old citizen of this city.

The concert to be given next Tuesday evening at the Baptist church by the Wagner quartet will be a musical feast. The admission is only 25 cents. Children 15 cents.

Harry Crawford, clerk in Michael & Henry's grocery store, sprained his ankle last Wednesday night while near his home on Broadway. George Willis has taken his place in the store while he is laid up.

E. F. Michael is in Dowagiac this week on business.

Albert Sykes is entertaining his brother from Kalamazoo.

M. E. Gamble and wife, of Plainwell, arrived in this city yesterday and are visiting Mr. Gamble's uncle, A. Southworth, his cousin, O. M. Southworth, and other friends for a few days.

E. W. Moore has recovered from his recent illness.

Miss Minnie Worden is assisting in the office of Colby & Hinkley during the absence of George Dickinson.

Miss Nettie Curry has resigned her position as book keeper at C. J. Peck's and Miss Swift of Grass Lake, a sister-in-law of Mr. Peck has taken the place.

Mrs. Harrison Sherman is rapidly improving after a serious illness.

Walter Lass has returned to this city after visiting his parents in Chicago.

Herbert Overton has returned to his home here after visiting his brother in the southern part of the county.

For the next 60 days C. R. Hollis & Son will sell their entire stock at actual cost before buying spring goods. 521387.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

The state association of Spiritualists will meet at Lansing next month.

Mrs. Hood and her son, Frank, of Saginaw, have presented Alma college with \$1,000 to complete the museum.

G. H. Raynor stationery company of Kalamazoo are financially embarrassed.

Petoseky women have asked the council to pass a curfew ordinance to keep the children off the streets after supper.

Counterfeiters are getting in their work at Dundee by passing bogus dollars. They are very poor imitations and easily detected.

Mrs. S. M. Foster, a poor washerwoman of Adrian, is said to have subscribed \$20 towards the bonus for the new Lima Northern railroad.

The affairs of the Farmers' state bank of Homer have been closed up, and the stockholders have realized 80 per cent on their holding after all obligations have been settled.

The first Baptist church of St. Louis is preparing to erect in the spring a handsome church edifice at an expense of some \$4,000. The plans of the building are already drawn. The building will be of pressed brick.

Good Bye to Title. "Huntown."

O. E. F., your right, just right: Lang George

As to the wedding and the throno: Twink the infant and the giant.

Flucky both, and self-reliant.

"Monest other knows that Langdon knows."

Is, St. Joseph, dubbed us "Huntown."

As the town many years ago.

And she also called us "Sandtown."

When we began to swell and grow.

And, that quite old, yet modern town.

"Bulldog"—much, "better than she knew."

Pushing us still later, "Huntown."

For still we onward grew, and grew.

And thenceforward kept on growing.

As a live city ought to grow.

Despite our good neighbor's showing.

Till with plate-glass we're all aglow.

St. Joseph and Benton Harbor

Now, are notable Twin Cities.

Old friends grow less, instead of larger.

And, each one the other pities—

When dread calamities befall.

Like accidental ravine fire.

Each with the other, at the call.

Laboring till the flames expire.

Some future time, as sure as fate.

Though some mayhap will it deny.

Each, once little, now fairly great.

Under one name shall unify.

LIKE OLD FOLKS

Little Totie Want Coffee for Breakfast.

"Please let me have a little cup of coffee to break my doughnuts in—you have it, and why can't I?" It is hard to refuse the cute little folks, even when we know that coffee and tea are injurious beyond a doubt, for hot coffee and sweet bread and butter or doughnuts taste so good for breakfast. A physician has discovered a method of preparing grains so as to produce a beautiful drink, an exact facsimile of the finest Mocha coffee, and fattening and nourishing. It is a place with weak stomachs and "or the little folks' "coffee." The coffee habit can be dismissed instantly when the new food drink is used in its place, and health is assured because of the fact that it is made only of pure and wholesome grains. "It makes red blood," is the motto, and Postum is the name. Grocers sell it, and it is made by the Postum Cereal Co., Limited, Battle Creek, Mich.

A reliable grocer will never offer a cheap or weak imitation of a genuine original article because, he happens to make a little extra profit. But it is well to observe that when genuine Postum Cereal Food Coffee is ordered that you get Postum, and not a spurious imitation offered as "just as good."

What the Sun Could Do.

The astronomers have been figuring on the amount of heat and light that our sun is constantly emitting. It is shown by this wonderful table of figures that our earth constantly receives as much sunshine as would illuminate 50,000,000 square miles of flat surface. Even this vast quantity is as nothing, for, of course, our earth only receives that which happens to fall on the side next to the sun. If there were 2,880,000,000 worlds strung around the sun, they would form a shell of a sphere, with the sun in the center, and each would receive daily and hourly the same amount of sunshine that we enjoy.—St. Louis Republic.

A Toothless Emperor.

Jaroslav I of Russia had no teeth, having lost these valuable adjuncts to happiness by a blow from a Turkish mace. An English traveler in his country says it was commonly reported that the king's chewing was done by the queen, who masticated all the royal food and transferred it from her mouth to his majesty's with a spoon.

The City Steam laundry does more work than all other laundries in Berrien county combined. It is fine work that has built up the trade.

Wanted.

Customers for corn, corn fodder, potatoes and apples. If you want good potatoes or apples for winter use put in your order at hard time prices, we've got 'em. Will sell our corn in the ear or shuck. Inquire or leave your orders at the office, West Michigan Nurseries, 155 Pipestone street or O. C. Howe, Eau Claire 3186.

HE MAKES A REPLY.

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in the exercise of this duty to offer such suggestions as other health officers as may result in the restriction or jolting out of contagious diseases in their jurisdictions.

Now, as to the duties of local health officers in their own jurisdictions: If they are conscientious in the performance of their duties, and aim not at their own aggrandizement but to save precious human lives, their efforts should receive the hearty support of all right-minded people irrespective of the horde of ignoramuses, whose endeavors seem to be directed to throw every possible obstacle in the way of their success.

Where diphtheria has once been in a house, new cases are apt to develop in the same house, even though years have elapsed, and in such mild form that it is frequently taken for tonsillitis, and yet such apparently mild cases of "tonsillitis" may communicate diphtheria in a virulent form.

Such cases have occurred in Benton Harbor, and might occur in Gallen. The fact that a child of John Norman, residing near that village, died on January 5 from "tonsillitis" and that the same person attended the Springer child and the Norman child, would lead us to suspect that there was diphtheria present in both cases, even though a microscopic examination of particles from the throat of the Springer child did not (in the specimen) reveal the presence of the diphtheria bacillus.

The consensus of medical opinion is that every case of tonsillitis, so-called, resulting in death is contagious or diphtheritic in its nature, and every house in which death has occurred from such disease should be placed in quarantine until the most thorough disinfection of the premises has been effected.

On December 28 the resignation of Dr. Wildanger as health officer was accepted and on the same evening the village council of Gallen withdrew its self by appointing W. H. Beach as health officer for the balance of the term contrary to law. even State Senator E. A. Blakeslee, a member of said council, either ignorantly or deliberately sanctioning a violation of the statutes of Michigan.

Now, how it may have been on account of the anxiety of the village board for the welfare of their sons and daughters that led to the appointment of Dr. or Rev. Dr. Beach to this responsible position but we are inclined to be charitable and lay it to the result of being too "highly situated" to be placed in the line of duty.

If the truth were really known it would probably be found that there is an euteric reason back of all this tempest in a teapot and that your honorable body has been only too anxious to put on a shoe that apparently fits to perfection.

H. V. TURTON.

Coupon No. 54 is the "ucky number and the holder of it can secure a wagon by calling on Mrs. Monnier, Territorial street.

Have you got good teeth? Stick them into Bird's fine taffy. Bird always sells the best.

Argentine Ants.

A common way of destroying the ants in Argentina is by means of a small metal cylindrical furnace half filled with any kind of dry, inflammable rubbish, and in the top a pan suspended containing flowers of sulphur. When lighted, a lid is screwed down over this, so that the smoke can only issue from a bent metal tube, which conducts it to the ant hole. A pair of bellows, worked by a handle, is attached to the lower part of the furnace, thus making the fire burn and forcing the sulphurous smoke along the ant passages. The whole apparatus is suspended on wheels and can thereby be conveniently moved from part to part of the quinta. With this instrument such volumes of suffocating smoke can soon be produced that it will often be issuing thickly from holes 200 or 300 yards distant. So you may imagine the ants have a somewhat lively time of it—or, perhaps, rather, a deadly one.

In spite, however, of waging war against them they multiply so rapidly that it is only where the gardeners fight them very energetically that they can be kept down, and the amount of damage they do is often appalling.

On country, on the border of the Grand Chaco, where, of course, these insects work their own sweet will, the writer once discovered a deserted wooden hut. Inconspicuously leaning against the structure, he was surprised to see the whole of it collapse. But on examination he found the reason to be that every portion of the woodwork had been perforated and undermined by the ants, and only required a very slight touch to crumble into ruins. The intruder of the ants had probably been the cause of abandoning the hut.—Temple Bar.

Carlyle Reproved.

An amusing and characteristic anecdote of Thomas Carlyle is given in Mrs. Ross' "Early Days Recalled."

Mrs. Ross, the daughter of Sir Alexander and Lady Duff Gordon, enjoyed from her earliest years the privilege of meeting many distinguished persons under delightful conditions. Her mother's beauty and wit, as well as her father's social and official rank, attracted men and women eminent in art, letters and politics to their home. The only visitor whom little Janet cordially disliked was Mr. Thomas Carlyle. She says: One afternoon my mother had a discussion with him on German literature. Her extraordinary eloquence and fire prevailing, Carlyle lost his temper and burst forth in his Scotch tongue, "You're just a windbag, Lucie; you're just a windbag!"

I had been listening with all my ears, and, conceiving him to be very rude, interrupted him by saying, "My papa always says men should be civil to women," for which pert remark I got a scolding from my mother, but Mr. Carlyle was not offended, and, turning to her observed, "Lucie, that child of yours has an eye for an inference."

Q. What is sweeter than life? Ans. A box of Bird's candy. Bird always keeps the best.

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We propose to make this sale the greatest event of our history. Every dollar's worth of surplus stock has been marked at prices to close it in a month; cost, former value and loss will not be considered; we are bound to sell the goods. We mean just what we say and want you to regard every word as a cold fact. We consider it a wise loss and take it cheerfully. The sale will last just one month and it is a buying opportunity that none should miss.

Clothing...

We don't intend to have any old clothing on our hands, no matter what we lose by getting rid of them, so if you are wise you will take advantage of the lowest prices ever made on high class clothing.

Lot No. 1—All men's suits sold at \$5 and 6.50, a good assortment to select from, you take your choice at\$3 50

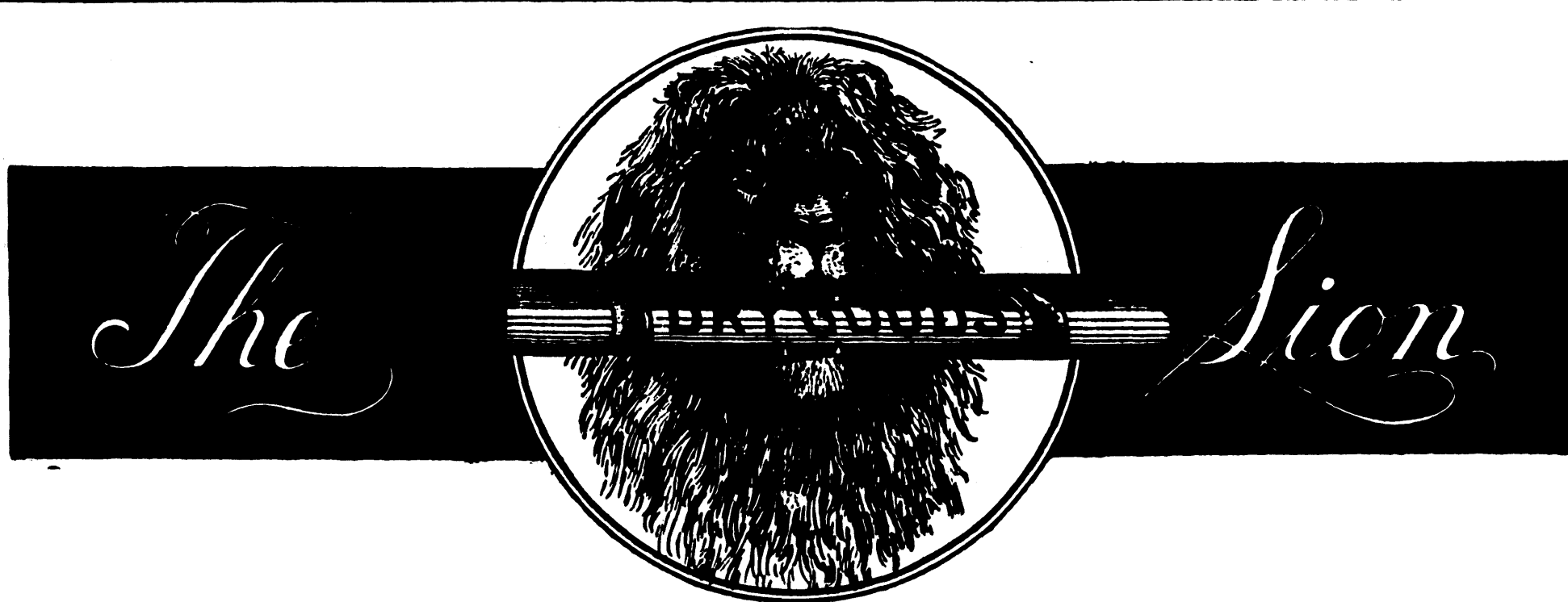
Lot No. 2—Fine all wool chevots, Scotch goods, plain and fancy mixtures, we sold them from \$7.50 to 10, just one price for all.....\$5 50

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Lot No. 5—Suits made from all the new materials, in all styles, you will save from \$4 to 7 on every suit, they will be sold at.....\$10 00

Lot Nos. 6 and 7—All of the finest suits we have and tailor made garments at that, beautiful goods from the best makers. We have made a price of \$12 50 on lot 6, and \$14 50 on lot 7.



Ladies' Wrappers

Ladies' wrappers in fancy Persian designs sold at 98c, now 69c each.

Also fine flannelettes and Percales worth from \$1.25 to 1.98 at 98c each.

Don't wait too long and then be sorry they are all sold.

Ladies' Waists

Ladies' wool waists in plaids, fancy mixtures in silk and wools, sold all season from \$2.25 to 3.50, we will clean them up, your choice at \$1 75

Jackets, Capes and Suits

There will be a merry time here; 50 cents will buy a dollar's worth in many cases but we'd rather have the money than the goods. Cost not considered here.

A Few Extra Good Blankets Will be Sold Very Cheap

Not more than a dozen pairs, so it won't do to say much, but we are anxious to see how many housewives are curious enough to answer an advertisement as short as this.

The Winter Underwear Must Go

You can use them now and we don't want to summer them. Absurd is the word when you compare the prices with the intrinsic worth of the goods.

Odd lots of men's undershirts and drawers, worth from 25c to 50c at 19c

Fine grades of wool and cotton mixed, also all wool, have been sold at from 65c to \$1, at 59c

The best we have in all wool and finest grades of goods sold as high as \$1.75, to close at 99c

Housekeeping Goods at Less than Mill Prices

It's only for a month; the pace is too hot for a longer period, so buy all you want.

Fruit of Loom Muslin, 15 yards for \$1.

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